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Red Defections Cited in Radio Pleas to Cuba

Members of an anti-Communist Russian underground movement are continuing radio broadcasts to Soviet personnel in Cuba, hopeful that they are showing some results, a spokesman said here last week.

The NTS (Narodno Trudovoi Soyuz) resistance workers point to news reports of defections by Soviet troops or technicians as evidence that the Radio Free Russia broadcasts are effective, according to Emily Kingsbery, NTS public relations, of 7015 Lanewood Ave.

And the fact that some Russian soldiers have written letters responding to the broadcasts indicates a receptive audience, the NTS feels.

Appeal Is Personal

Special appeal of the broadcasts, according to NTS officials, is that they are reports from Russians to Russians in terms of "we" instead of "you," rather than merely foreign propaganda in the Russian language.

The programs were initiated Nov. 3 by C. W. Holdyreff, head of the U.S. branch of the NTS, which is translated in English as the National Alliance of Russian Solidarity.

The 15-minute broadcasts are taped in studios of WGST-FM, Washington, D.C., and flown weekly to the Dominican Republic. They are transmitted nightly by Radio Caribe, commercial station in Santo Domingo, with approval of Foreign Secretary Jose Bonilla Ailes.

Emphasizing Two Themes

Two basic themes are stressed — immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops from Cuba and refusal to defend the Castro regime in event of an uprising by the Cuban people.

There is no Soviet jamming in the Caribbean area, and the broadcasts may be heard with relative ease.

Production and transmission costs of the programs

are nominal — \$600 to \$700 a month for nightly 15-minute broadcasts.

The expense has been borne for four months by dedicated Russian emigres in this country. Continued assistance, however, is required to keep the program going.

The address of Radio Free Russia is P.O. Box 7043, North Station, Arlington 7, Va., or in care of Emily Kingsbery at the Lanewood Ave. address.